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1. The report of the state-owned farm machinery lending stations (MAS) for the first half of 1951, indicates that in spite of great efforts by the Machine Construction Industry it has not been possible to equip the MAS with the planned number of tractors and agricultural machinery.

2. As of 31 January 1951, the 540 MAS stations had the following tractors in working condition:

1,500	of Soviet make
10,500	of German make (older models)
3,100	of German make (1950 models)
15,100	Tractors

3. The number of tractors is to be increased to 37,500 by 1955. The stock of essential agricultural machines owned by MAS on 31 January 1951 consisted of the following:

Tractor Plows	16,110	(Planned 1955 stock: 38,500)
Tractor ridge drills	1,516	(" " " 7,000)
Binders (Zapf-Wellenbinder)	1,738	(" " " 9,000)
Threshing machines	4,530	(" " " 6,060)

4. The following table testifies to the mounting shortages of machine parts in Soviet Zone plants which build and repair tractors:

Year	Tractors on Hand	Tractors in Working Condition (in %)
1947	26,000	69
1948	24,000	61
1949	23,000	58
1950	22,000	54

25X1 [redacted] bottlenecks in the supply of replacement parts for mowing machines and hay rotators.

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5. The percentage of breakdowns in the case of Soviet tractors was almost 60 per cent. at the beginning of 1951. After the 1951 spring planting season, 40 per cent. of the new tractors, types Ifa 22 (built at Nordhausen, Soviet Zone), Ifa 40 (built at Zwickau), and two types named Aktivist and Pionier (built in Brandenburg/Havel) were deadlined. However, repairs could be made relatively fast so that 90 per cent. of the new tractor models will be back in operation by harvest time.

6. The VEB farm machinery factory Rud. Sack* in Leipzig [redacted] was able to meet the following quotas of its production program: (Percentages but not exact production figures are available).

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Wood saws	78 %
Boring machines	76 %
Potato pulpers	81.2%
Beet cutters	82.3%
Straw cutters	77.2%
Wheat cleaners	78 %
Potato diggers	83 %
Cultivators	85 %
Harrows	91 %
Ridge plows	73
Potato harvesting machines	100 %

7. The one hundred per cent. production of potato harvesting machines was possible only because the Soviets furnished all the parts, since these machines are destined for the USSR.

8. During the first half of 1951, the Rud. Sack factory fulfilled its planned production of replacement parts, the value of which was approximately three million eastmarks. Production for the second half of the year is planned at approximately 3.5 million eastmarks.

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